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The above-identified U.S. patent application claims priority on Japanese Appl. No. 2002-340377. An office action issued in the Japanese application on March 6, 2007 and a copy of that office action is attached along with an English language translation prepared by Japanese patent counsel for the assignee of the subject invention.

The Japanese Examiner cited two Japanese references that have been identified on the attached copy of Form PTO-1449. Copies of the two references are attached as well along with English language Abstracts that were obtained from the European Patent Office database. The Japanese Examiner concluded that the two references are relevant because they disclose a complex machine in which either one of a serial transmission mode or an individual transmission mode can be selected.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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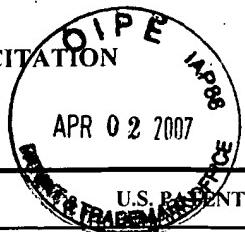
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